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This is a request for filing a [ X ] continuation [ ] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of:

Prior Application Serial No: 09/996,304 filed: November 21, 2001

of: Manfred Ueberschär and Dr. Benjamin Méndez-Gallon

*(Inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)*

entitled: CURTAIN APPLICATOR

*(Title of Invention)*

1. [ X ] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

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2. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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4. [ X ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/996,304 filed November 21, 2001.--
5. [ ] New informal drawings are enclosed.
6. [ X ] The prior application is assigned of record to Voith Paper PatentGmbH.
7. [ ] A new combined declaration and power of attorney is enclosed.
8. [ X ] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
9. [ X ] I have reviewed the attached specification and drawings and have determined that no new matter is present therein over prior application Serial No. 09/996,304, filed on November 21, 2001.
10. [ X ] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the parent application listed herein, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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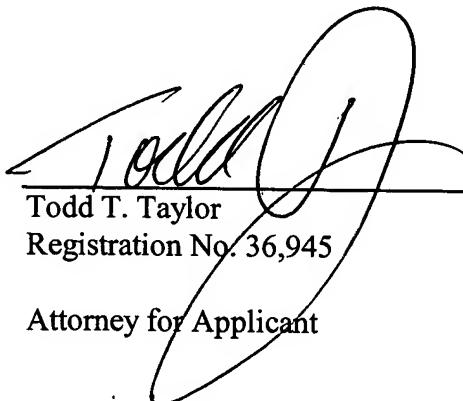
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APPLICANT: Manfred Ueberschär et al.

TITLE OF INVENTION: CURTAIN APPLICATOR

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Specification (9 Sheets)

Claims (5 Sheets)

Abstract

Drawings (2 Sheets)

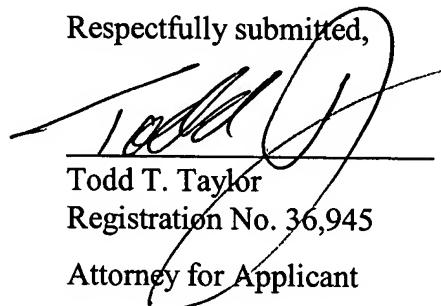
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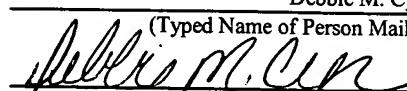
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